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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket 01-92; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket No. 03-109; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket 07-135*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 12, 2011, representatives of Hughes Network Systems, LLC ("Hughes") met with representatives of the Office of the Chairman of the Commission, the Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB"), and the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau ("WTB") to discuss matters relating to the Commission rulemaking proceedings referenced above. The Commission participants were Zachary Katz (Office of the Chairman), Ruth Milkman (WTB), Martha Stancill (WTB), Steven Rosenberg (WCB), and Patrick Halley (WCB). Hughes was represented by Paul Gaske, Executive Vice President, North America Division, and Dean A. Manson, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary.

The participants discussed Hughes' perspective on Universal Service Fund ("USF") reform and the proposed Connect America Fund ("CAF"), as reflected in the Comments of DISH Network L.L.C., EchoStar Technologies L.L.C., Hughes Network Systems, LLC, Spacenet Inc., ViaSat, Inc., and WildBlue Communications, Inc. (collectively, the "Satellite Broadband Providers") in the above-referenced proceedings, filed August 24, 2011, and the Reply Comments of the Satellite Broadband Providers in the above-referenced proceedings, filed September 6, 2011. Hughes representatives provided information regarding Hughes' current consumer internet access plans, and Hughes' current plans for the service offerings that will become available following the launch of Hughes' Jupiter satellite in the first half of 2012. As compared to current plans, such new plans are expected to feature faster speeds, changes in download allowances, and other enhancements. The Hughes representatives also answered

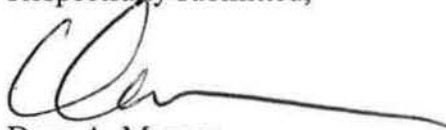
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questions regarding Hughes' planned approach for continuing coverage of all 50 states, the drivers of customer cancelations, the installation costs, the extent to which customer equipment is returned to Hughes when customers terminate service, and how often potential customers experience prohibitive line-of-sight problems.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed into each above-referenced proceeding via ECFS.

Please direct any questions concerning this submission to me.

Respectfully submitted,



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